(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

9-10 a.m. THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Zamberi tank which is a rainfed tank adjoining the Kammapuram tank. A representation for augmenting supply to the Zamberi tank from the Kammapuram tank appears to have been made to the Collector (and not to the Government) by the ryots holding lands under Zamberi tank. After examination of the request by the local officers of the Public Works and Revenue Departments, it was held that it would not be possible to comply with the request."

Schools for the hill tribes.

* 2038 *Q*.—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have opened any new school for the hill tribes in Puttur taluk, South Kanara district;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations from Malekudiyas in Puttur taluk regarding opening of schools and assignment of lands to them; and

(*c*) whether there is any scheme before the Government to improve the standard of education given to the Malekudiyas?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. In February 1955, the Government sanctioned the opening of a residential school for Kudiyas at Dharmastala in Bethangadi taluk (formerly part of Puttur taluk). The school was started on 23rd March 1955.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) In addition to the one school referred to in answer to clause (*a*) above, another residential school has been opened at Karkal for the benefit of Kudiya pupils on 30th March 1955. In these two schools, education will be imparted up to second standard. Handicrafts like basket-making and rattan work, etc., will also be taught in the schools. After the second standard, the pupils will be admitted in other schools so that they may freely mix with other students."

Panchayat Board for Madukkarai.

* 2039 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to constitute a panchayat board for Madukkarai in Coimbatore district; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."